

Tulaby Lake Association Newsletter

SPRING 2020

TULABY LAKE ASSOCIATION IS ON FACEBOOK! LIKE US!

Greetings from the Tulaby Lake Association

Here it is walleye opening and there is a forecast for snow. The weather adds to the challenge, for sure. We hope the serious and not-so fishing men and women managed to enjoy some success. Hang in there, the weather will get better!

There are many signs of cabins opening up and spring work being done around the lake to prepare for summer. There is also evidence of people attempting to be physically distant to limit risk of passing or contracting CoVID-19 while be social with their neighbors, family, and friends who they may not have seen since last fall.

We were sad to **postpone the Spring Meeting that was scheduled for Saturday, May 16th**. If there is a possibility to reschedule we will send out emails and postcards with that information.

We have also been informed that the **Elbow and Tulaby Lake Fire Department has cancelled their pancake breakfast** that is held annually on the Sunday of Memorial weekend.

We understand that everyone has different views on the responses that should be taken to avoid the transmission of the virus and that will be reflected in differing personal behaviors and expectations of interactions. We suggest that everyone have an awareness of this. Because it is so exciting to anticipate the summer and our fun, relaxing times at Tulaby Lake it is especially disappointing and difficult that we expect this summer will be very different. We all need a break from the isolation and the worry, which in normal times Tulaby Lake would be the perfect place to be to get that relief. Our recent survey responses included many, many comments that it is the people at the lake they cherish the most. **We hope that this summer allows for as much enjoyment as possible** while keeping your, your family, and others safe.

We want to **thank those who have sent in their membership dues** for 2020. We currently have about 90 paid memberships. If you know anyone who would like to become a member, please invite them to look at our website or contact any of the association directors. As it has been mentioned in the past, the association has existed over 50 years. We can be proud of our tradition of stewardship and feel confident the next generations will also be vigilant and committed to ensure lake quality.

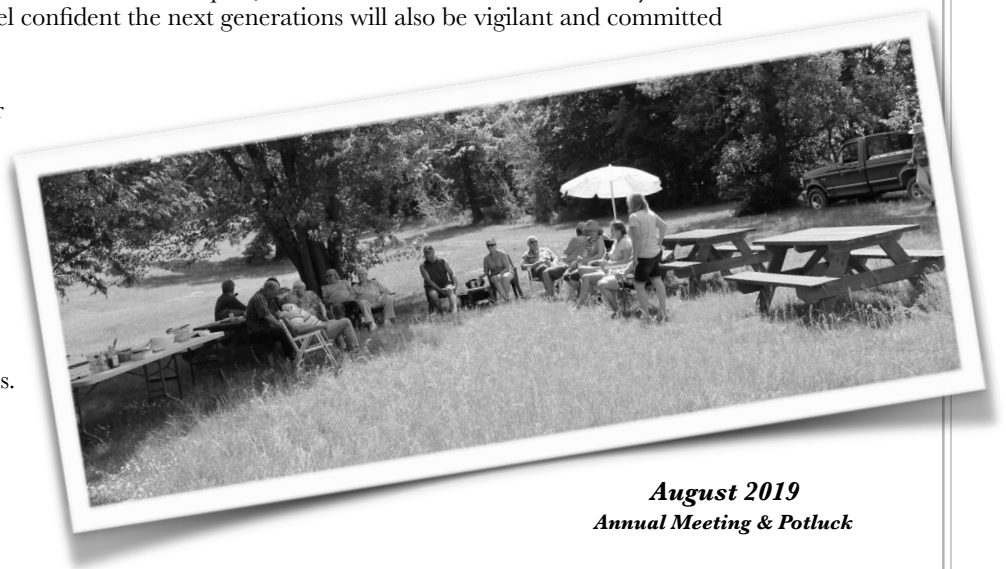
Don't forget to **like us on Facebook!** Your participation with our Facebook page is greatly appreciated.

You can visit the association website at **www.tulabylakeassociation.org**. Here we post local updates, a schedule of events, membership information, Director contact information, association bylaws, links to past newsletters and membership meeting minutes. It's easy to catch up and stay informed by visiting the website.

Kind Regards,
Tulaby Lake Association Board

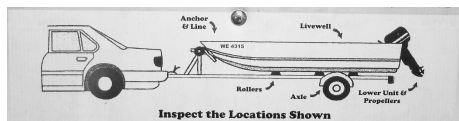


*Boat Parade 2015
Throwback*



*August 2019
Annual Meeting & Potluck*

HELP
STOP
AQUATIC
HITCHHIKERS



IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO RENEW YOUR LAKE
ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Calendar of Events 2020

Sat. May 9: Season Opener

Walleye and Northern
Catch and Release ONLY Bass

Sat. May 16: Ditch Clean Up **NO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

A group has volunteered to organize and do this while practicing physical distancing

Sat. May 16: Potluck & Membership Meeting

POSTPONED

Watch for updates

Sat. May 23 : Season Opener

Large & Smallmouth Bass

Mon. May 25: Memorial Day

Saturday, July 4: Boat Parade

10:00AM Outlet Area

Sat, Aug 8: **CHANGE!!!!**

Membership Meeting

Elbow Lake Store

5:00PM

Membership Meeting
Election of Directors

Mon. Sept. 7: Labor Day

Sat. Sept. 12: Ditch Clean Up

10:00AM Fire Hall

Calendar of Events Elbow and Tulaby Lakes Fire Department

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, May 17, 2020- **CANCELLED**

8:00AM - 12:00PM

Fire Hall

Pig Roast

Saturday, August 15, 2020

11:00AM - 2:00PM

Watch for signs!

Fire Hall

Pancake Breakfast

Labor Day Weekend

Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020

8:00AM - 12:00PM

Fire Hall

Spring ditch clean up and Spring Meeting & Potluck

Saturday, May 16, 2020

POSTPONED

At this time the Governor of Minnesota has issued Emergency Executive Order 20-20 directing Minnesotans to Stay At Home, which includes the guideline to limit gathering of more than 10 people. This order has been extended to May 18th. We are obligated to honor that plus we don't want to encourage any social interactions that would increase the risk of transmission of COVID-19.

As the situation changes, the directors will determine if or when this meeting can be held. Information will be emailed and sent to the lake residents notifying them of a rescheduled meeting.

We hope that everyone in our lake community is well and all their families are also safe. Currently, per the Minnesota COVID-19 Response website (<https://mn.gov/covid19/>) there have been 3 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Mahnomon County and 25 cases in Becker county.

The stay at home order directs Minnesotans to limit movements outside of their homes beyond essential needs. People are not prohibited from leaving their primary residency, yet visiting their cabins is discouraged per the Minnesota #StayHomeMN Frequently Asked Questions webpage.

Under Executive Order 20-38 bait stores, golf courses, and resorts to be open. Minnesota State parks are open for day use only until May 18th. Individuals may engage in outdoor activities (e.g., walking, hiking, running, biking, driving for pleasure, hunting, or fishing), and may go to available public parks and other public recreation lands, consistent with remaining at least six feet apart from individuals from other households.



August 2019
Annual Meeting

Board of Directors

Association Board Member Roster
The following is a list of Tulaby Lake
Association Board members and their
contact information.

Bryan Vidden - President
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Board member Terms Ending in 2020:

Scott Skauge
Pat Adams
Bryan Vidden

Board member Terms Ending in 2021:

Danny Pinske
John Oncken
Cathy Wambach

Board member Terms Ending in 2022:

Karen Ahmann
Lauri Pfeiffer
Brian Ciak

Lake association members are always welcome to serve as a director. Each year actively look for new members. Please consider a three-year term. It's a great way to meet others.

Elbow and Tulaby Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

The Elbow and Tulaby Lakes Fire Department is always **looking for volunteers to join**. Volunteers are also needed to help with the fund raising activities. During the year the department raises fund through a raffle, pancake breakfasts, and a pig roast. Volunteering to help is an excellent way to support our local fire fighters and ensure fire protection in our community and spend time with our neighbors.

Please contact

Chief Dick Roman at 701-361-7341 or

Greg Syverson, Assistant Chief at 218-849-4065

They would greatly appreciate your help! Spread the word to others.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO THE TULABY LAKE ASSOCIATION

Your membership dues are used to continue lake water testing and monitoring, support and promote lake quality, lake stewardship, maintain partnerships with local and state organizations, fund fish stocking, and provide information to our membership and lake residents!

Please send your annual 2020 membership **dues of \$25** to:

Tulaby Lake Association, Danny Pinske Treasurer
38150 Tulaby Lake Drive, Waubun, MN 56589

Thank you for the amazing response this year with contact information updates! We received many new email addresses, which is especially helpful.

Please notify Pat Adams of any address changes or neighbor changes so the directory and mailing information remains current and correct. You can email her at tulabylakeassociation@gmail.com or by sending information to Pat Adams, 25572 Gramford Avenue N, Wyoming, MN 55092



**STOP AQUATIC
HITCHHIKERS!**

Prevent the transport of nuisance species.
Clean all recreational equipment.
www.ProtectYourWater.net

Pull all the plugs. Clean off aquatic plants. Drain water from bilge, live-wells, bait containers. Dry for 7 days or decontaminate.
-Mahnom County Soil & Water Conservation District



SHORELINE MANAGEMENT

Tulaby Lake Association belongs to the Becker County Coalition of Lake Associations (BC COLA). Directors on the board make attempts to attend the monthly meetings. Others from Tulaby are also welcome to attend.

The BC COLA is organized for the purpose of facilitating cooperations amount member Lake Associations to protect and enhance the quality of lakes and their shore areas. The Tulaby Lake community has demonstrated historically and currently a strong interest and commitment to improving and preserving the water quality of Tulaby Lake. **Over the years many residents on the lake have volunteered to monitor the water, others have donated money to support this effort, and many others have practiced shoreline practices that enhance and support water quality.** A healthy shoreline supports a diverse community of fish and wildlife by providing native vegetation that fulfills their habitat needs where land and water meet.

For **more information on BC COLA** and best practices and regulations managing your shoreline visit <https://beckercola.org>.

TULABY LAKE SURVEY RESULTS

Preliminary Summary

In February the Lake Association Board sent Tulaby property owners a **survey asking for information that will be useful as the Association attempts to create a lake management plan.** We were pleased to receive almost 100 responses. Thank you to each of you who took the time to respond. Your thoughts offer guidance to the association.

We found that our respondents **expressed a range of concern** for the quality of the lake water, practices such as fertilizer use, invasive species, weed growth, failing septic systems and water levels. Some expressed no concern about some or all of these issues, but most expressed much or extreme concern. We learned that our summer algae blooms primarily impact swimming, but some people also mentioned impacts on fishing and boating. We were pleased to see almost **universal support for continued stocking of walleye.**

Many people also supported enhanced signage and checking at the public access to **prevent invasive species** from entering the lake. Others were more resigned to the likelihood that invasive species will eventually enter the lake.

We learned that our **residents value the quiet and peaceful atmosphere at the lake,** along with all of the recreation opportunities here. They also **value their friendly neighbors.** One suggestion that was offered was to remind people to keep boats a respectful distance from shore, and check rules for watercraft operation – always worth doing at the beginning of the summer season.

A more detailed report on the results of the survey will be posted to the Association website. **Thank you to many of you who indicated you would be interested in being involved in the development of a lake management plan for Tulaby Lake.** We look forward to moving these efforts forward.

If you have ever kayaked in to the outlet bay on Tulaby Lake you have come upon **Spatterdock or yellow water lilies.** They are one of the more common aquatic plants in Minnesota and found in most counties. The lilies are food for water fowl and muskrats and shelter for fish. In the past, the roots were eaten after being boiled or roasted.



Are you a mushroom hunter? **Morels** can be found in the areas near Tulaby



Lake. Many hunters closely guard the location of their patches. Morels usually emerge annually in the spring after adequate rainfall. Hunting for them can be fun! Wear protective clothing. There are many websites on Minnesota morel hunting. Always be safe. If you can, check with an experienced hunter before eating any mushroom. An old axiom is “When in doubt, throw it out.”